

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	:	
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Application No.: 10/535,608	:	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Filed: November 19, 2003	:	Examiner: COUNTS, Gary W.
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For: DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR	:	
DISEASES BY SCREENING FOR	:	
HEPCIDIN IN HUMAN OR	:	
ANIMAL TISSUES, BLOOD OR	:	
BODY FLUIDS AND THERA-	:	
PEUTIC USES THEREFOR	:	
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**AFFIDAVIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Hasan Kulaksiz, swear:

1. I am a named inventor in the above-identified application.
2. The date of conception for the above-identified application is before November 14, 2002, as evidenced at least by a copy of Western blot images showing that antibodies to a C-terminus of hepcidin bind to hepcidin in liver, lung and duodenum samples. This copy is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The images illustrated in Exhibit A were obtained prior to November 14, 2002.
3. The aforementioned date of conception applies to claims 1-20 of the above-identified application.
4. Due diligence in the instant invention was exercised by the Applicants since the date of conception, both in actually reducing the invention to practice, and the filing of the parent patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on November 19, 2002, as well as the filing of the instant application on November 19, 2003.

I, Hasan Kulaksiz, hereby swear that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willfully false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued hereon.

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Respectfully Submitted

  
Hasan Kulaksiz